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## JIM, THE SHOWMAN

Creator of a Good Show and  
One That's Sure to Win.

A Combination of High Grade Acts  
and Actors Never Before As-  
sembled in Grand Rapids.



Gentle readers, lend me your ear. There is a man in this town to whom you owe a debt of gratitude and an obligation to sustain him in his efforts. His name is Jim Travis, and his effort is being directed to furnishing refined and edifying entertainment for the people.

The effort is a laudable one in this age of sin and sorrow, and you should be the first to aid it. Nothing has more to do with the happiness and contentment of the people than to give them helpful mental and moral refreshment. Relaxation from the cares and demands of business affairs is necessary to the preservation of the equilibrium of the mental and spiritual forces. In repose the mind seeks a subject for contemplation. Nothing so equally arrests its attention as novelty of scene or action. It is in response to this requirement of society that public entertainers have undertaken from time immemorial to furnish public amusement.

Given the well defined demand for this kind of recreation, then, how essential becomes the requirement that that entertainment shall be pervaded by a high moral tone, and that it shall carry with it moral enlightenment. It is to furnish an entertainment which shall subvert these ethical requirements that Mr. Travis has founded his "Best Show on Earth." The prime consideration with him has been to eliminate all objectionable features usually attendant upon tent exhibitions, and to follow only such lines as would furnish pure amusement and mental refreshment. How far this effort has been successful those who have already patronized the exhibition know full well.

Those who have denied Mr. Travis their patronage cannot possibly understand. Disinterested critics, however, who have repeatedly visited the exhibition unhesitatingly pronounce it the purest as well as the best show on earth. It is emphatically a show for moral people. A place of entertainment for refined and cultured families and a place of innocent amusement and mirth. In settling the details of the entertainment Mr. Travis had especially in mind the education and amusement of the best people. To feature that was fought with any offensive remark or suggestion was heretofore a place upon the program.

In proof of the good faith of Mr. Travis it need only be said that the gentlemen and ladies engaged are all people of known respectability who have made a conscientious study of their professions and have directed their

effort to its moral betterment and scientific perfection.

With the present week the entertainment at Reed's Lake will close. A special price of 10 cents has been made for the closing engagement to afford resorters and others visiting the lake cheap amusement. For today the show will be open afternoon and evening. Next week it will be opened on the west side. After a tour of the city it will start for the south.

The latest additions to the talent are the world famous Edgertons, with their famous horses. Watson will continue his marvelous hurdle riding, and the matchless Melville will do his double bareback summerault.

**Tables.** Bookcases, sideboards and a full line of fine furniture at auction this week only at Hartman's at 3 and 8 p. m. daily.

**Reduced Rates to New York City.** On July 5, 6 and 7 the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway will sell tickets to New York City and return at one lowest first-class fare. Send to A. J. Smith, G. P. & T. A., Cleveland, O., for free copy of folder of information. The Lake Shore is the only line to New York without a ferry transfer.

**The New Line Will Open on the 26th to Potokoy.**

The Travis show will open next week on South Division street upon a lot at the corner of McDowell street. The Reed's lake stand has proved more than satisfactory. The famous Dumb-bells and La Graus will appear at the new stand.

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The Wykes & Burns fire sale closes Wednesday.

**The New Line Will Open on the 26th to Ray View.**

The many friends of Mrs. L. B. Adams will be enjoyed to learn that she is again able to be about and that she has resumed her duties at the popular millinery store of Adams & Co., Monroe street.

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**Powers' Opera House Fire.**

The Wykes & Burns fire sale of damaged goods will close Wednesday of this week. All goods of every class, including both sporting and news lines, will be sold regardless of cost. Stationery, books, maps, rules, office and school supplies and all games of every description, will be placed on sale at prices that will dispose of them at once.

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for the comfort of their patrons. Their latest improvement, and one which transforms their business place into a place of delightful refreshment, is the introduction of two large horizontal ceiling fans. The stock of the concern is always up to the standard of metropolitan concerns, and all meats are cut, displayed and handled as they are in the greatest marts of the kind in the world. Then again the store is the neatest you ever saw, the salesmen are gentlemen, the stock is complete, and the store is the coolest and most delightful storeroom in town.

**The New Line Will Open on the 26th to Bay View.**

Remember the Wykes & Burns fire sale for three days more only.

**Tables.** Bookcases, sideboards and a full line of fine furniture at auction this week only at Hartman's at 3 and 8 p. m. daily.

**Go to Dettenthaler's for Frank's American soups.**

**"Royal Ruby" Port Wine.**

No good thing should be outlawed because here and there a grasping person treats it badly. It is just as necessary to administer invigorants to the aged and feeble as it is to strengthen a dwelling that is beginning to decay. Not only may life be greatly prolonged by artificial support, but the declining years of those dear to us be rendered more comfortable, and age relieved of many of its usual pains and penalties by a judicious use of "Royal Ruby" Port Wine; each bottle is guaranteed by the undersigned to be absolutely pure and over five years old at bottling, or money paid for it will be refunded. Quart bottles \$1.00; pint 60c; never sold in bulk. See that you get "Royal Ruby." For sale by White & White, Thum Bros. & Schmidt, leading druggists. Bottled by Royal Wine Co., Chicago.

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**Johnson's Summer Garden.**

Laddford Johnson of Reed's Lake has made many notable improvements to his pleasant premises during the spring. The great feature of the season will be the grand free concert given daily and every evening to visitors at the resort. The entertainment is given from a well built and attractive stage in the cool and comfortable hall of the hotel, second story. The hall has a large seating capacity, augmented by surrounding verandas. The character of the entertainment is that of a first class variety and concert. It is free from all objectionable features and is given by artists of recognized merit and standing in the profession. The place is the most delightful at the lake and, as it deserves, universal patronage.

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## GREAT IS LUDINGTON

And Great Is the Magnificent  
Future Which Awaits It.

It Is Nature's Connecting Link Between the Eastern Markets and the Fields, Mines and Forests of the Great Northwest.

Take any authentic map of the United States, place one end of a string upon the point indicating the city of New York and the other upon the point indicating the location of Minneapolis, and you will find that the line crosses Lake Michigan at its narrowest part and intersects the east shore at Ludington harbor. On the Michigan side the line will be found to traverse the finest tracts of hard timber for fine interior finishing and furniture making in the world. It will traverse inexhaustible hemlock forests, capable of supplying saw mills and tanbarks for years to come. It will be found to traverse a rich agricultural district and to invade the finest fruit region on the globe. At Lake Michigan, the thrifty and progressive city of Ludington is reached. It is the only winter harbor on the east shore, and occupies the most delightful and picturesque site on the east shore of Lake Michigan. Ludington has now a population of 9,000, and is the wealthiest and handsomest city of its size on Lake Michigan.

Its summer climate is the finest in the world, and its natural appointments as a summer resort are unequalled. Her beautiful inland lakes contain game fish in abundance and the surrounding forests still shelter deer, bear and all wild game undisturbed by the hunter.

There are factories now being constructed there which will employ 200 hands. Two of the five other large concerns now negotiating with its development company will, without doubt, break ground for their buildings inside of thirty days, and will employ 300 hands. The construction of these factories, the new hotel, which will be commenced July 1, new opera house and new business blocks, will require 300 to 500 carpenters, masons and laborers.

Hence 1,000 mechanics, representing at least a 1,000 increase in population, will all want homes and 800 or more cottages must be built. There are no vacant houses there.

The work of developing its water power and building its electric street car line will give employment to 1,000 more men and 4,000 more people must be housed.

Among the industries seeking location there are furniture factories, tanbarks, shoe factories, a blast furnace, steel works, an electric dynamo manufacturing, a clothing manufacturing and a window shade cloth factory are already under construction, as are many other smaller but desirable concerns.

The Pere Marquette & Big Rapids new road bed will be finished this summer, which provides for two additional trunk-line railroads at Ludington's superb harbor. The railway facilities of Ludington already equal those of any western city of equal population and she enjoys, in addition thereto, and which none others have, lake navigation the year round.

The site of the city is such as to insure healthfulness at any season of the year. In the winter the keen frost of

that latitude is tempered by the vast stretch of Lake Michigan's flood, while in the summer the same beneficent agency preserves a refreshing and exhilarating condition of the atmosphere. The city is but a few hours travel from Chicago, Milwaukee, Mantowoc, Menominee, or even Minneapolis. It enjoys bright facilities unequalled by no city of its size on the globe.

As a manufacturing center Ludington offers advantages superior to any city in the great lake district. It possesses a vast stretch of agricultural and horticultural territory which is capable of supporting a vast population. The site of the city is such as to afford limitless stretches of desirable residence property, within a narrow radius of its municipal center. Property values are within the reach of all classes, and desirable, even choice lots, may be had for small sums.

For the manufacturers and merchants the town has many inducements that challenge attention. The large number of men employed in the salt blocks, lumber mills, shipping and railway industries of the town furnish a constantly replenished purchasing public which freely exchanges its earnings for the luxuries and necessities of life. Socially and morally the town is most fortunately conditioned. Its streets are wide and straight and mostly level. The town is regularly laid out, its main artery of trade leading up from the broad sandy beach of blue Lake Michigan. Several miles of cedar block pavement are already laid. The city is lighted by electric lights, has a city water system drawing its supply from the depths of Lake Michigan far out from the shore. Its business blocks are built exclusively of brick and stone. The city has many fine church edifices, innumerable fine residences, a superb city hall, a Masonic temple, a club house, a complete system of city schools and one of the finest high school buildings in the state. An electric street railway is contemplated for the immediate future. Of chief interest in Ludington circles at the present time, and the agency which has done most to attract the eyes of the world to the wonderful city is the activity of the Development company. This superb institution, under the able and efficient management of Adams & Adams, has made the name of Ludington famous throughout the length and breadth of the land. Among the many things which it contemplates for the immediate future is a gigantic sale of choice lots at auction on July 12, 13, 14 and 15 next. The lots are desirable for residence and manufacturing purposes, and are sure to double in value within the next three to five years. Six hundred city lots will thus be disposed of. The event will be made one of great interest, and every effort is being made by those having the enterprise in hand to make it the greatest event in Ludington's history.

The lots to be sold at auction July 14 constitute what is known as Manufacturers' addition to Ludington, which is probably the handsomest and best subdivided ever sold under the auctioneer's hammer. It lies within the city limits, within from one-half to one mile of Ludington avenue, and every lot is high and dry.

The proceeds of the sale will go to secure more factories.

Taken together the natural and acquired advantages of Ludington render it one of the most desirable places for investment or residence in the United States. It combines, in an unequalled measure, all those conditions which subvert human contentment and success with little that is objectionable.

If you wish a home, a place of business, renewed health, or a chance for a

good investment you can't afford to skip Ludington.

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**Go to Dettenthaler's for lamb tongues.**

**The Excursion to St. Joe**

On Saturday, June 18, promises to be well patronized. This is under the management of and for the benefit of the aid society of the Grand Rapids School Furniture company and offers an excellent opportunity for a day's outing at one of the favorite resorts of the many in the state.

Aside from the enjoyment to be derived from the trip through the fruit belt, the cool breezes from Lake Michigan and the fine fishing and other attractions at St. Joe will make the day one of pleasure to those who rarely get away from home, except as necessity compels.

The train will start from Leonard street at 7:30 a. m., leaving Bridge street at 7:38 and Union station at 7:45, arriving at St. Joe about 10:30 a. m. Returning leave St. Joe at 7:00 p. m., arriving at Leonard street about 10:00 p. m. Round trip fare, \$1.25.

**FULL OF INTEREST TO MASONS**

Will be the ying according to Masonic rites and ceremonies, of the copesstone of the new city hall at Saginaw on Friday, June 24. The acceptance by the local lodges of the order of the invitation to be present, extended by the Saginaw brethren, developed the thought that a low rate and the opportunity to go and return the same day would enable many to go who would not otherwise. Acting upon this idea the Masonic Home association arranged for a special train excursion from Grand Rapids, the profits arising from sale of tickets to be devoted to the maintenance of the Masonic Home, a matter in which all members of the order are interested. As an additional attraction Wurzburg's band will accompany the excursion, furnishing music on the way and during the afternoon and evening exercises. Great preparations have been made by the Saginawians for the entertainment of visitors and an enjoyable time is anticipated. Special train will leave Union Station via G. R. & I. and D. L. & N. at 7 o'clock a. m., June 24, arriving at Saginaw about 11:30 a. m. Leave Saginaw for home at 8 o'clock p. m. Round trip fare, \$2.25.

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**Go to Dettenthaler's for lamb tongues.**

**Sample Chocolate Free.**

A postal addressed "Mentor, New York" will secure samples of their delicious Chocolate with directions.

**Peckham's Croup Remedy cures whooping cough.**

A few gallon cans of apples left at 20c each. KILLIAN'S GROCERY.

## LOCAL REAL ESTATE

A Week of Unusual Activity—  
Many Large Sales.

The Famous Tract Bounded by  
Fifth Avenue, Hall, East  
and Fuller Streets, the  
Chief Center of Ac-  
tivity.

The real estate market for the week just passed has been one of unusual activity. It has been made notable by the magnitude of one or two large transfers, and much local gossip about other transactions. The sale of the Dikeman block, the discussion of a new opera house, and the transfer of the "Aunt Jane" tract have each furnished material for active discussion. The general aspect of the market has evinced much improvement in its condition. Sales have been numerous, though individually small, and building interests have shown marked improvement. Perhaps the most conspicuous feature of the late tendency of the local market is to the purchase of lots and the building of homes upon the tract bounded by Fifth avenue, Hall, East and Fuller streets. Campbell and Underwood have handled several additions to the city that were parts of this tract. They are extensive owners of the tract, and have been identified with its development from the first. The tract is a half mile square, and will be completed by October 1 with the city electric street car system. It is traversed by numerous broad avenues and pleasant streets, is undulating in topography, and covered somewhat with a timber growth. It lies at an elevation of several feet above the city, a large portion of which is visible therefrom. Water as pure as crystal is obtainable at a depth of sixty feet, a condition which guarantees immunity from beverage contamination. All parts of the plat are illuminated by the tower lights of the locality. Sewerage and drainage are alike perfectly supplied. The streets and avenues contiguous to the plat are being graded this year. Fifth avenue is just now being fitted with a large trunk sewer, after the completion of which the sewerage system will be promptly extended. When that is done the tract will be but 12 minutes from Campus square.

One of the many inducements to location upon the tract is the character of citizens who have purchased lots and built homes upon it. It is a thoroughly representative class of our well-to-do merchants, artisans and railway men. This class of men are home builders who, in future, will improve their premises and keep pace with the march of progress in the city's growth. Such citizens move to any community in which they locate the benefit of progressive and enterprising ideas. They are of the class which will ultimately be our merchants, manufacturers and bankers, and will have in hand the vital interests of the city.

The activity in this section of the city for the past two seasons has been phenomenal. Within the past six months it has taken on increased vigor and is now at its height.